Iowa Department of Education

Project EASIER 2007-2008

Contact Information

- Please use the BEDS / EASIER / ID Contact Persons option on our web application: <u>www.edinfo.state.ia.us</u>
- Update the Contacts and name of Student Information System for your district.
- If you have questions, call us!

Project EASIER 2007-2008 General Changes

- The complete list of the Data Elements and Codes were sent to you earlier and are posted on our website: www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/44/310/1/1/
- Many elements now have default values other than null or blank. Vendors have been asked to populate these whenever possible.
- Many elements and codes have been reworded for consistency, clarity, and standard format.
- 2007-2008 files will include Student Name to allow more accurate editing.

Project EASIER 2007-2008 Deleted Elements

- CTE Single Parent
- CTE Educational Barrier
- Truancy Indicator
- All 9 Service Learning Indicators
- Transfer Type

- Resident County
 - The two digit number of the county in which the student resides
 - Applies to all students
 - Used for Certified Enrollment calculation

- Activity Participation
 - Yes or No
 - Needed for all CPI Dual Enrolled students
 - Used for Certified Enrollment calculation

- FTE (Full Time Equivalent)
 - -0.00 to 1.00
 - The amount of time a student is enrolled in your district
 - Needed for Nonpublic and CPI Dual Enrolled students only
 - Used for Certified Enrollment calculation

Foster Care

- Yes or No
- A student living in a facility located within the district that is a licensed child foster care facility as defined in lowa Code section 237.1 (full-time parental nurturing provided by someone other than a relative or guardian of the child), or a facility as defined in lowa Code 125.2 that provides residential treatment (substance abuse). The definition of a facility will include licensed foster single-family homes.
- Used for Certified Enrollment calculation

- Charter School
 - Yes or No
 - Is the student enrolled full time or part time in a state approved Charter School?

Days Unexcused

- Number of times a student had an unexcused absence for the entire day
- If unexcused for less than the full day, count =0.
- Vendors have been asked to calculate this element based on your attendance information.

- Preschool Standards
 - Indicates the Standards of the Preschool attended by the student.
 - Applies only to PK Regular Education
 Students

- Unsafe School Choice Offense
 - Yes or No
 - Refers to the incident leading to the removal
 - Unsafe School Choice Option offenses include those in which the victim of a violent criminal offense is a student who is physically injured or threatened with physical injury as a result of the commission of one or more of the following crimes against the student while in the school building or on the grounds of a student's attendance center: 1) A forcible felony as defined in rule 281-11.2; 2) Offenses, excluding simple misdemeanors, involving physical assault under lowa Code chapter 708; 3) Offenses, excluding simple misdemeanors, involving sexual assault under lowa Code chapter 709; 4) Extortion under lowa Code section 711 4

Project EASIER 2007-2008 Renamed Element

- Course Origination
 - Replaces Course Type
 - Adds codes for Iowa Learning Online and Iowa Online AP Academy

Project EASIER 2007-2008 New Codes

- Entry and Exit Codes
 - Refer to the list mailed earlier
 - A number have been added for Certified Enrollment
 - Rewording has been added for clarity
 - There is a code for 5th year students continuing at a community college

Project EASIER 2007-2008 Reminders

- Project EASIER 2006-2007 will be available to help complete the Student Attendance on the Chart of Accounts.
- Project EASIER Data will be available to help complete the 2007-2008 Certified Enrollment. You will be able to resolve any discrepancies.
- Training sessions will be scheduled in the Fall.

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